

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Previously Amended)** A method of connecting a first body having a first bore with a first axis and a second body having a second bore and a second axis substantially aligned with the first axis, comprising:

providing an elongate connection structure on the first body;

selectively cutting the first body to reduce an axial length of the connection structure on the first body, such that the connection structure terminates at a desired axial connection location; and

connecting the second body with the first body.

2. **(Original)** A method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the elongate connection structure comprises a plurality of grooves about the first body.

3. **(Original)** A method as defined in Claim 2, wherein the plurality of grooves comprises an externally threaded area along the first body.

4. **(Original)** A method as defined in Claim 3, wherein the second body comprises a second flange having an internally threaded connection member; and

connecting the second body with the first body comprises threadably engaging the internally threaded connection member with the externally threaded area along the first body.

5. (Original) A method as defined in Claim 3, further comprising:

connecting another flange with the second flange.

6. (Original) A method as defined in Claim 5, further comprising:

positioning an insulating material between the second flange and the another flange, to electrically insulate between the second flange and the another flange.

7. (Original) A method as defined in Claim 5, further comprising:

positioning an insulating material between the first body and the another flange, to insulate between the first body and the another flange.

8. (Original) A method as defined in Claim 5, further comprising:

providing one or more threaded members for joining the second flange and the another flange; and

positioning an insulating material between the another flange and the one or more threaded members, to insulate between the another flange and the one or more threaded members.

9. **(Original)** A method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the first body is one of the group consisting of an upper and lower body, and the second body is the other of the group consisting of the upper and lower body.

10. **(Withdrawn)**

11. **(Currently Amended)** A method as defined in Claim 1, wherein connecting the second body with the first body follows ~~reducing cutting~~ the axial length of the connection structure.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A method as defined in Claim 1, wherein ~~reducing cutting~~ the axial length of the connection structure follows connecting the second body with the first body.

13. **(Previously Amended)** A method of connecting a first body having a first bore with a first axis and a flange having a second bore and a second axis substantially aligned with the first axis, comprising:

providing an elongate connection structure on the first body;
selectively cutting the first body to reduce an axial length of the connection structure on the first body, such that the connection structure terminates at the desired axial connection location; and
connecting the flange with the first body at the desired axial connection location.

14. (Previously Amended) A method of connecting a first body having a first bore with a first axis and a second body having a second bore and a second axis substantially aligned with the first axis, comprising:

providing an elongate connection structure on the first body;

selectively cutting the first body to reduce an axial length of the connection structure on the first body, such that the connection structure terminates at the desired axial connection location;

connecting the second body at the desired axial connection location with the first body;

connecting a tubular member with the second body; and

sealing between the second body and the tubular member at a location radially inward at the connection structure on the first body.

15. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in Claim 13, wherein the elongate connection structure comprises a plurality of grooves on an external surface of the first body.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in Claim 13, further comprising:

connecting another flange with the flange; and

connecting one or more tubular members with the another flange.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A method as defined in Claim 16, further comprising:

positioning an electrical insulating material between the flange and the another flange.

18. **(Previously Presented)** A method as defined in Claim 16, further comprising:

positioning an electrical insulating material between the first body and the another flange.

19. **(Previously Presented)** A method as defined in Claim 16, further comprising:

providing one or more threaded members for joining the flange and the another flange; and

positioning an insulating material between the another flange and the one or more threaded members.

20. **(Previously Presented)** A method as defined in Claim 14, wherein the second body is a flange, and another flange on the tubular member is connected with the second body.

21. **(Previously Presented)** A method as defined in Claim 20, further comprising:

positioning an electrical insulating material between the flange and the another flange.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in Claim 20, further comprising:

positioning an electrical insulating material between the first body and the another flange.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in Claim 14, wherein the elongate connection structure comprises a plurality of grooves on an external surface of the first body.

24. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in Claim 14, further comprising:

providing one or more threaded members for joining the flange and another flange on the tubular member; and

positioning an insulating material between the another flange and the one or more threaded members.

25. (Withdrawn)